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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director of Materiel

SUBJECT : Return of -31's for Overhaul

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1. During a recent meeting with [REDACTED] expressed grave concern on the shortages of -31 engines for our program and the FOG, which shortage is aggravated by critical scheduling of -31's for overhaul. It appears we may have enough -31's by the time the FOG deploys its first unit to handle all requirements, provided engine scheduling is given the greatest attention possible. Apparently the Pratt & Whitney overhaul facilities are so limited that it is necessary that the flow of engines to overhaul be scheduled on a pre-established program, so that one or two -31's are going through overhaul at all times. To clarify this, it will overtax their facilities if for one or two months our Detachments do not return engines for overhaul and then have four or five -31's coming in for overhaul at the same time.

2. Since you had representation in this meeting, you are aware of the various pro's and con's expressed concerning operations problems versus materiel problems in attempting to schedule flight time so as to adhere to a definite program.

3. It was agreed that our Project should alert all our Detachment Commanders to the overhaul problem so that they will arrange their use of the aircraft in order that engine time will be staggered and only one -31 engine will be due for overhaul at a time.

4. It is requested that you prepare a cable or dispatch outlining this problem and suggesting the best method by which Detachment Commanders can mesh into a program to best fit Pratt & Whitney's -31 overhaul capability.

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Deputy Project Director

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